

2008 GARDEN PLOT PROGRAM - RULES AND REGULATIONS

CITY OF ROCKVILLE - DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

PROGRAM OPERATES APRIL 1, 2008 – NOVEMBER 10, 2008

- ▽ Garden plots must be completely weeded and planted by the end of May. Plots that show no sign of weeding or planting will automatically be rented to any other interested person. Plots that are only half-weeded or half-planted may also be forfeited. No refund will be given to the original plot owner.
- ▽ Periodic spot checks of the garden area throughout the season will be the basis for determining if a plot is being properly maintained. The determination for loss of privileges will be made at the discretion of the Rockville Civic Center superintendent.
- ▽ You forfeit all rights to use the rented plot if you decide to give up your plot mid-season. Note: If you are a Rockville resident and you forfeit mid-season, you will not receive a renewal notice for the next garden season. You must follow the procedure to obtain a plot, just as if you were a new registrar.
- ▽ For identification purposes, be sure to have your registration card with you at all times.
- ▽ The garden plot area is closed after dark.
- ▽ Parking is permitted only in the parking lot.
- ▽ All supplies must be unloaded in the parking lot and hand carried to your plot via handcart, wheelbarrow, or other device. Please do not drive your vehicle into the park. Section 14-53 Subsection (b) imposes a \$200.00 fine for operating a vehicle on other than paved park roads or parking areas. Anyone in violation will be subject to ticketing by the Rockville City Police. Please report any tag numbers of violators to the Rockville City Police Dispatch at 240-314-8900.
- ▽ Only approved chemicals/weed killers may be used with the utmost discretion. Special care must be taken to avoid drifting of materials to other plots.
- ▽ There are six spigots located throughout the garden area. If you use a hose (your own), please supply a double spigot connector so that someone else can use the water at the same time. Courtesy and common sense should prevail in extending hoses across other plots. Abuse of this system may result in hoses not being allowed and enforcement of the bucket system of watering only.
- ▽ In order to conserve water, please be present while watering your garden, sprinkler systems or automatic watering may not be utilized in this garden program.
- ▽ The City of Rockville provides barrels for garden refuse. Please place all garden refuse in the designated barrels. The barrels are emptied on a regular basis, however, there may be times when excess garden refuse accumulates due to the various growing conditions. Please contact the Parks Department if additional barrel pick up is required.
- ▽ The garden plots are closed to the public once the gardening season is over. Mulching, fertilizing, or other preparation for the following season is not permitted. Garden plots are not automatically guaranteed for the next season.
- ▽ The garden plot area has been posted "Use By Permit Only." It is not possible for the City of Rockville to provide special protection against vandalism and theft in the garden area. Therefore, if you observe an intruder in the garden plot area, please contact the Rockville City Police at 240-314-8900. Any description or identification of the intruder or license plate number that you can give to the police will be helpful.
- ▽ At the end of the season, all plastic, fencing, hoses, and other gardening items must be cleared from your plot area. Any gardener that does not clear their plot may not receive a renewal or be able to participate in the next gardening season. Please help keep costs low: **clear your plot by November 10, 2008.**